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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554
Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Commission:

I am writing to add my support of SBC's application to compete for long distance customers in Michigan. Increasing competition will bring greater value to consumers and give them the same choices that residents in more than a dozen states already are enjoying. As a lifelong resident of Michigan and a State Representative, I am well aware of the need for fair and full telecommunications competition.

I commend the Michigan Public Service Commission for ensuring Michigan's local telephone market is open to competition. I look forward to being able to commend the FCC in the same way. In the past two years we've seen local competition grow to twenty percent in Michigan.

I hope the next step in this process is the FCC's approval of SBC's application, granting final approval. I wish you the best of luck in your efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely;

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Majority Floor Leader